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Group Art Unit: 3728

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Examiner: Jila Mohandesi

For : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN  
ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

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- \_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- \_\_\_ A Request for Extension of Time.
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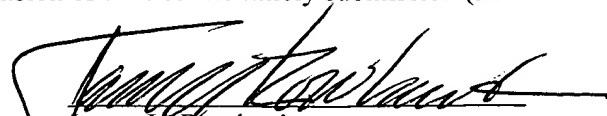
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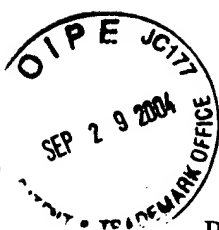
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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.	:	09/937,016	)	
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Title	:	MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING	)	
		AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT	)	
		FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR,	)	
		SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.